

Stories from two of our past Lamplighter Scholarship Recipients

Daphne Young

The Lamplighter Scholarship Program at the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing makes a real difference in the lives of students.

Daphne Young, a Freshman Direct Admit Track student, spoke of the scholarship's significance. "This scholarship means so much to me—not just as financial support, but as a reminder that my dedication is seen and valued," she shared.

Coming from a family with a tradition of resilience, Daphne said the award allows her to focus on her nursing studies without the added stress of financial burdens. "Being able to fully experience the journey and work toward my dreams with less financial worry is a blessing I will never take for granted."

Daphne's minor is in Health Administration, and she plans to graduate in 2027. Her goal is to work in the ICU and secure a master's in nursing degree in the future.

"As an aspiring nurse, it is my duty to take advantage of every opportunity I am granted to ensure that I can develop my skills to benefit my future patients," Daphne said.

Through this annual program, the Lamplighter Scholarship continues to empower nursing students as they embark on their careers, each inspired to make a meaningful impact in health care.



Nathaniel Antojado

Nathaniel Antojado, a 2024 Lamplighter Scholarship recipient, is pursuing his dream of becoming a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

Inspired by a childhood experience with surgery, Nathaniel was amazed by how anesthetics eased his fears and now hopes to study them further. For him, nursing is an act of selflessness—one that brings fulfillment by putting others' needs first.

The Freshman Direct Admit student in the Class of 2027, said he felt lucky to be selected as a scholarship recipient. "I know there must have been many of my student peers who applied for it, so I was elated that I was chosen," he shared.

He spoke on behalf of the students at the 2024 Lamplighter Scholarship reception, emphasizing the importance of the support that future nurses receive from the program.

Nathaniel used the funds to pay for his books, scrubs and medical devices that he would utilize in the following semesters. "Without the Lamplighter Scholarship funds and access to these tools, my progress in the nursing program would have been delayed," he added.

The Lamplighter Scholarship provides ongoing support to nursing students each year, empowering them to pursue their careers and make a difference in the field of nursing.

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